

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING  
U.S. Application No. 09/772,601  
Attorney Docket No.: 72167.000247**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
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Thomas W. POPLAWSKI *et al.*         ) Group Art Unit:   3624  
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Application No.: 09/772,601             ) Confirmation No.:   1711  
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Filed:   January 30, 2001                 ) Examiner:   Daniel S. FELTEN  
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For:      ELECTRONIC BILL                 )  
            PRESENTMENT AND PAYMENT        )  
            SYSTEM AND METHOD                 )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Appellant respectfully requests an Oral Hearing under 37 C.F.R. §41.47(b) for the above-captioned application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(3), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Request for Oral Hearing filing fee of \$1000.00 to the undersigned's deposit account number 50-0206.

Appellant respectfully submits that no other fees are required in connection with this request. However, in the event it is determined that a further fee is necessary to maintain the

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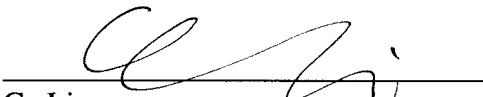
pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit the undersigned's deposit account number 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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